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Twelve Boys Drowned in the Cincinnati Disaster--Measures for Relief.

An Appalling Scene in Around Louisville--Business Suspended in the City.

Cities and Towns Submerged--The Great Loss of Life--Appeals for Help.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Feb. 14.—Additional gloom was cast over the people this morning by the river rising under the influence of a steady, hard rain, after it had fallen to 64 feet 10 inches. The rain advanced from the west, thus checking the river's fall, and extended as far as Pittsburg. Unless it stops speedily there is no hope of the river's receding at present. Grave fears are entertained that the great height reached yesterday will be surpassed. The rain seriously embarrasses the work of the relief committee, but they are doing all they can to distribute food. Soup-houses will be opened to-day in various parts of the city to feed those who are able to get to them. Bishop Elder has ordered all the Catholic churches to be kept open to accommodate the homeless, and sent circulars to the churches to-day asking for contributions to be sent to the chamber of commerce and the city relief committee. The sinking fund trustees will advance money on the bonds yesterday authorized by the legislature, so that relief will be prompt. Many cases of extreme destitution are reported by the relief boats. In some cases the frantic cries of starving children for food are heartrending. The bakeries not inundated are worked to their fullest capacity to keep up the supply of bread. There have been some fears of a meat famine on account of the difficulty in receiving live stock, but several thousand reserved distillery cattle can be utilized in case of necessity.

The river is rising at an inch and a half per hour. At 12 o'clock it stood 64 feet 10 inches. The water is warm, and it is still raining. Reports from points both up and down the river indicate that the rain continues. The river is falling at Portsmouth and Mayville—slowly at the latter place. The first authentic report of the river falling yesterday was made to-day by the police at the Oliver street station by Herman Wilberg, a boy living at No. 17 Wilcox street. He says that he and his brother Joseph and thirteen other boys were on the platform when the water broke through McLean avenue, and that the entire party were thrown into the water; that he swam to Gest street, escaped, and went home; that his brother and all the other boys were drowned. He also knew the names of the other boys. No other reports of missing boys have been made to the police.

The river had reached a height of sixty-five feet at 2:30 to-day and is still rising. The rain, however, is less heavy. The water is 2 inches above low water mark and rising slowly. The day has been the gloomiest in the history of the city. Business was wholly neglected on change, all attention being given to saving property and affording relief. While the unexpected rise of nearly a foot to-day has not made a very great change apparently in the situation, there is such an uncertainty about the future that all plans are unsettled. Not only is it impossible to estimate the extent of the coming rise, but no one can tell when the rain will cease along the river. The clouds broke away late in the afternoon, but gathered again before 10. The rain is falling above and below the city, and is warm, almost sultry. The effect of this uncertainty is to cause another lifting to higher levels of

hitherto supposed to be above the reach of the water. This is done at immense labor under most trying circumstances. The water now stands in the gutters on the south side of Pearl street and on Walnut. The Little Miami depot is flooded. Wagons are no longer able to cross the Newport bridge. The Louisville and Nashville trains receive passengers at the trestle at the Cincinnati end of the bridge. They reach it by boats. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road, which has been the only outlet for trains north and east to-night, will be cut off by the flood to such an extent that no trains could pass. This leaves the city practically cut off from the rest of the world to the north, east, and west by rail communication, except that the Keokuk line still runs trains, leaving from the stock yards at 10 o'clock. The latter is also accessible by Cincinnati, Washington, and Baltimore trains, and they may enter and depart in that way. The difficulty on the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton road is fully understood, though the damage done to the track in the city limits is sufficient to account for the stoppage.

THREE HUNDRED PASSENGERS are waiting at Winton place for transportation by omnibus into the city. The Cincinnati Southern railway sent out a train to-night, and reached the city, but the water has penetrated McLean avenue, thus making it impossible to the hubs while removing express and baggage, and lively fears are entertained that the whole street will sink under the trains. No effort will be made to-morrow to run on this road at all into the city. There is no point on this side of the bridge where passengers can be taken on the cars. It cannot yet be told what arrangements will be made for forwarding the mails, or even what will be done for the running of the city. The fact that whatever is done is a long haul must be made to reach the trains. But a single road is now able to reach the depot; that is the Cincinnati Northern, the narrow gauge, which comes into the city over the hill top, and has a depot near the city. There is no place to land. The little steamer used on the Ohio and Mississippi to convey passengers from St. Louis to Aurora, Ind., in its return trip to-night.

HAD A FEARFUL EXPERIENCE. The fog overtook it and it was unable to proceed safely, and found almost equal difficulty in getting a place to tie up. It finally succeeded in reaching St. Louis station this morning. Coal barges to-day have been towed up Central avenue to Pearl street, where carts run alongside and receive the loads. Stories have been current of mobs of lawless men standing at the water's edge and demanding whiskey and doing other lawless acts, but careful inquiry shows that there is no reason for such stories. The fact is creditable even to criminals, that they either have enough heart to behave properly in the face of this great calamity or that they are restrained by fear from pillage or lawlessness. No doubt a few punishment would follow the discovery of crime. In addition to the precaution of an increased police force,

THE CITY IS PARTLY LIGHTED to-night by coal oil lamps set in side-gas lamps. The work of relief has gone on vigorously to-day, and many touching scenes were witnessed. The citizens have not waited for the cry of distress before extending help, but have taken steps to prevent suffering. The gratitude of the recipients cannot be told. A relief committee, composed of leading citizens, attend personally to the work, remaining all day at the office, or going out with relief boats. The work is being done thoroughly and promptly. Though no appeal has been made for help from abroad,

assistance has been sent. Among the remittances are \$2,500 reported by Moses Moser, sent him by H. H. Warner & Co., Rochester, N. Y.; \$1,000 from Adams Express company, New York, through A. L. Post, agent, and \$250 from the proprietor of the Gilbey house, New York. The Masonic fraternity has organized a special relief force, and telegraphed to Cleveland, Sandusky, and Toledo for boats. Among the incidents of the flood was the finding of a baby asleep in its crib in a house floating at Fern bank, below the city. The little waif was rescued, and taken care of by the Catholic Orphan society. A barn with a fine baroque in it floated by the city to-day. The parties found it was unable to secure a price. The following has been issued by the mayor of Newport, Ky.:

A great calamity has overtaken the city. After passing through a protracted siege of smallpox, it has been visited by a flood of water, and the prevailing floods. About three thousand families are suffering and destitute. We need only to look at the faces of the poor to see the fact of the citizens of our common country to obtain relief. Please send relief to W. H. Lane, president of the citizens relief fund, Newport, Ky., or to the undersigned.

WM. H. HARRIS, Mayor.

Specials show that the river is rising at Pittsburg, where it has been raining all day. A greater rise is expected. At Zanesville the Muskingum is rising fast, and raining all day. At Pomeroy the river is falling one and a quarter inches per hour. There was a water main burst at Pomeroy, Ohio, a shut off from Cincinnati by rail, and all traffic north and south is stopped. There will be a meeting to-night to relieve the distressed. At Fremont, Ohio, at 5 p. m. a dam gave way, and about the same time the treadwork for a new bridge of the Lake Shore road was swept away. At Elkhart, Ind., there was a heavy rain all day. The snow and slush are seventeen inches deep.

THE SCENE IN LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 14.—The Ohio river has reached the height of 41 feet 8 inches, and is still rising 1 inch an hour. The reports from upper points of rain, and the continued rise of the Ohio and its tributaries create intense excitement. Business is practically at a standstill, and no boats arrive or depart. Trains on the railways are irregular and stop at various points. The water has followed the river for many years, and it is feared that if the river does not soon recede the water will cut across the east end and surround the entire city. The widest estimate of the damage to property is \$1,000,000. It is made, but nobody knows what estimate should be made. Nothing further is known regarding the loss of life by the cut-off disaster owing to the impossibility of entering the houses from the streets. With the water on the people on the streets the floods is the only subject of discussion. It is generally agreed that the loss of life is not extraordinarily large.

The river has risen slowly and steadily all day and is now rising at an inch an hour; but, owing to preparations made, less damage is being done than at first. Former gauge marks are far under water and discrepancies occur in the state of water. It can be safely put at 42 feet at the head of the canal and 68 feet at the foot of the falls, and worse coming. Along the seven miles of river front to-day the water has been creeping into the second stories of buildings and spreading westward. About 27 houses have been inundated. The water has been taken in by the water since the last report. This morning a heavy embankment on the Short Line railway, near the river front, broke at the foot of Clay street for 60 feet at one point, earth and swept away and track destroyed for nine squares in a depth of 40 to 10 feet. A lot of freight cars kept on the track to prevent a break were tossed aside. The break caused 27 houses to be inundated, but no loss of life occurred. A man and woman were drowned this morning by a skillful overturning. In the cut off district 150 families living in substantial two story houses remain and are supplied by boats. The police leave their posts to assist the distressed.

HOUSELESS AND HOMELESS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—It has been raining here since midnight, most of the time. Pigeons run again overflowed this morning, and water was sent to Maryland street and two squares. The Union railway company's tracks are under water for several squares east of the Union depot. Many cellars on Meridian street, near the depot, are filled with water. The following private telegrams have been received from Jeffersonville, Ind.: "The city is flooded from two to twenty feet deep. Five thousand people are homeless. Many have lost all they had on earth. A large number of cottages in the lower part of the city have been washed away, and many people are quartered in second stories, in public buildings, and in business houses. Food is sent to them in skiffs. The scenes of suffering are appalling. It is still raining and the river is rising. The loss will reach over \$1,000,000. The people will have to leave Lawrenceburg. No lives have been lost so far as can be learned. The operator at Lawrenceburg reports this morning: "The river rose one and one-half inches since morning. We have had heavy rain since 6 o'clock. A. M. Turner's creek is still very high, and it is still raining hard." The operator at Guilford, this side of Lawrenceburg, says: "They are moving people out of houses at Guilford as fast as possible. The rains will raise the Miami and White Water, and they threaten to do much damage at Lawrenceburg if the rain continues much longer. A carload of provisions from Indianapolis reached the people at Lawrenceburg in a tolerably good condition this morning." The legislature of Indiana appropriated \$30,000 this morning for the Lawrenceburg sufferers, and the board of trade at once reported subscriptions amounting to \$1,500 for same purpose. Another carload of provisions will be sent.

The committee sent to Lawrenceburg last night have reported that all the provisions shipped here were delivered at 2 p. m. to-day, but that the suffering is increasing, and that assistance is needed immediately. Another carload of provisions, with five barrels of coal oil, several boxes of candles and delicacies for the sick, will be sent to-night by special train. The operator at Guilford telegraphed to-day that the storm would be there, with indications that the storm would last through the night. E. G. Burkan, of New York, telegraphed to-day to the Indiana National bank of this city, directing it to send \$10,000 to Lawrenceburg for the relief of the flood sufferers.

A TOWN COMPLETELY SUBMERGED.

MADISON, IND., Feb. 14.—The river is rising one-and-a-half inches per hour. Milton, Ky., opposite Madison, is completely submerged, not a house being exempt from the overflow. Large cables are being used to anchor the buildings. The water reaches the second floors of many dwellings. Fulton, the eastern suburb of this city, has been abandoned, and all of the front and the extreme western sections of the city. The lack water and Crooked creek have inundated the city and the water is spreading, covering the city with water. It has rained hard since last night, and more rain will cause Crooked creek to dislodge Walnut street and a large part of the town. The Horset case, carried off by the water, is still missing. The provisions in the stores there are exhausted. The Western hotel is deserted, it being considered dangerous for

people to remain even on the second floor. The house on Walnut street is preparing to move out.

ANOTHER DELUGE FEARED IN CLEVELAND. CLEVELAND, Feb. 14.—Once more the ground is covered with ice, and rain is falling, and promises to continue to fall for at least twenty-four hours. The river is rising, and another deluge is feared. Men are busy anchoring lumber piles on flats. This afternoon the ice and drift wood gorges, which obstruct the river at several points, will be blown up with dynamite. Every practicable precaution is being taken against damage from any overflow.

In response to the call of the Cincinnati Free Masons for boats the masons of this city to-night shipped eleven row boats, and promised, if need be, to send to-morrow a life saving crew in a tugboat to the station.

THE KENTUCKY RIVER RISING.

FRANKFORT, KY., Feb. 14.—The Kentucky river was stationary at 34 feet, but has fallen 4 feet since last night. It has been raining here since morning, and the river is now rising at Clay's ferry.

THE LOSS AT NEW ALBANY.

NEW ALBANY, IND., Feb. 14.—The loss by the flood here is not less than a quarter of a million dollars. No lives have been lost. The farmers along the Ohio river suffer greatly, many losing their entire crops. Six hundred families are homeless, and many are destitute. All the manufactures are stopped.

ORGANIZING FOR RELIEF.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Two committees have been appointed in behalf of the board of trade and call heard to collect and forward money and materials for the relief of sufferers by the Ohio river overflow.

THE ARKANSAS RIVER.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 14.—The Arkansas river has 15 feet above low water mark. The Ouachita and other rivers are also rising and fears are felt in the bottom lands of another disastrous overflow.

THE SUSQUEHANNA GORGES.

PORT DEPOSIT, MD., Feb. 14.—At this point and between here and Havre de Grace there is no water in the Susquehanna. A telegram from above says the gorge at Cully's High Rock and Five's Eddy remain solid. The river is low. Light rains have fallen at all points along the river to-day, but no rise is reported at yet anywhere.

GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—Preparations are being made for another flood. Heavy and incessant rain has been falling here and at all points along the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers since before daylight, with every indication of continuing through the night. Dispatches from the upper points report the rivers rising rapidly. At this point the river commenced swelling at 4 p. m., and has since been coming up very fast. It is impossible to say how much water we will have, but old river men look for a higher stage than any reached last week.

LATEST FROM THE SIGNAL OFFICE.

The chief signal officer of the army furnishes the following special bulletin to the press: The Ohio rising again at all points. It has reached the height of 68 feet and 1 inch on the gauge at Cincinnati, and 42 feet 9 inches at Louisville. It is higher than any previous record. It is above danger level at Cairo, and dangerous floods will surely follow in the Mississippi. Property should be removed at once to points above the danger line. Rain prevailed yesterday in the districts east of the Mississippi, in the north and west, and continues in the Ohio valley, the lake region, and the Middle states. Northeast winds and snow are reported to-night for New England and northern New York. The storm is central in the Ohio valley, and is moving toward the St. Lawrence valley with increasing energy. The temperature has risen from 10° to 20° in the lake region, and thence southward to the south Atlantic coast. It has fallen about 10° at stations northeast of New England, where the barometer has risen rapidly.

Prohibition in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 14.—The senate committee on constitutional reform has decided on the following amendments to the prohibitory amendment which they have under consideration:

Sec. 1. The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale of any intoxicating liquors that seem to be used as a beverage, is forever prohibited within the limits of the state, and the general assembly shall, without delay, enact such laws with sufficient penalties as may be necessary to enforce the prohibition.

Sec. 2. The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors for other purposes than as a beverage, shall be regulated by law under sufficient penalties.

The amendment will be presented to-morrow.

The Reading Receivership Ended.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—In an interview this afternoon President Gough, of the Reading railway, said: "The decree for the termination of the receivership was made this morning by the court, and the only delay that will now attend the final transfer of the property from the receivers to the company will be the time required to make the necessary arrangements for the new cartruss certificates and pay with it the outstanding receiver's certificates for about the same amount—\$2,000,000. We propose to commence at that time, and the whole thing may be done in two, three, or four weeks at the utmost, and probably earlier."

A Prize Fight.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—A prize fight for \$500 a side between John Marron, of this city, and Franklin Glazier, of Harrisburg, Pa., is reported to have taken place near Cleveland, Ohio, to-day. Twenty-one rounds were fought, resulting in Glazier being badly whipped. The mill lasted an hour and twenty minutes. Lawrence Gough, of Philadelphia, was squire, and William McGinn, of the same place, referee.

Cut His Visitor's Head Off.

NEWCOMBETOWN, OHIO, Feb. 14.—Yesterday morning, at West Chester, Benjamin Ripley, who insured, entered the room where his cousin, Nathan Baer, was sleeping, and with a penknife cut Baer's head almost completely off. The murdered man, who was visiting Ripley, lived in Nebraska. Ripley was at once taken into custody.

Death of a Pioneer Banker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—A. J. Tallant, the pioneer banker and founder of the house of Tallant & Co., died last night, aged 71.

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS.

Within the last twenty-four hours a general rain storm has swept over the state of California, except on the San Joaquin valley, where only light showers prevailed.

Michael Hanky, a gardener, living in the extreme western suburb of St. Louis, was shot and killed by Henry Siebert, son of the proprietor of the Five Mile house.

A dispatch from a place on the Northern Pacific, in Montana, says an explosion last night killed John Curtin and William Taylor. John Gilman was probably fatally injured.

Matt Lewis (colored) was yesterday found guilty, in St. Louis, of murder in the first degree for killing his wife in October, 1876. He has been placed on trial five times, and has twice before been convicted. His sentence was deferred.

Great inconvenience has been caused in the vicinity of Woodstock, N. H., by a long-continued drought, and the mills have been forced to shut down. The wells in many places have dried up, and springs which were never known to fail before are in the same condition.

The trial of the action of Angelo Castro against Hrolf de Castro, Spanish consul general, for recovery of \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment, was concluded in New York yesterday in the case of the defendant.

The funeral of the Hon. William D. Gregory, late secretary of the Fairchild Agricultural society, was held at 10 o'clock to-day at the residence of his son, in the same room, his daughter, Miss Anna Gregory, was married to Mr. George Pike, of Southampton, N. Y., by the Rev. Mr. Thompson, of the Congregational church, performed both ceremonies.

FERRY AND HUBBELL.

An Exciting Time in the Michigan Legislature—Six Ballots.

No Result Yet Reached--Damaging Testimony Brought Out by the Investigation.

Special Dispatch.

LANSING, MICH., Feb. 14.—The most exciting balloting of the session took place to-day. One ballot was had at noon, which stood substantially as that of yesterday. A recess was then ordered until 3 p. m., when the voting was resumed. It had been expected that the democrats and greenbackers would come to the help of the Ferry men, but not until the fifth ballot did they appear, though Senator East had deserted him on the second ballot. Richardson started the break by voting for Ferry on the sixth ballot. He was followed by five others. There was an effort made to adjourn, take recess, or do something else rather than allow the sixth ballot, but it was taken about 5 p. m., after all manner of obstructing it had failed. Seven greenbackers voted for Ferry on this ballot, but Harkness changed from Ferry to Willets, and stopped further greenback recruiting, as it was known Harkness had changed back. This left the Ferry vote at fifty-three. He started in at fifty-nine, Jan. 17, and thirty-seven ballots have been taken. A conference of Ferry men was held to-night. A stormy time was had, and a vote taken of the question of standing by him. Twenty-one of the forty-three would not consent to do so in case democratic aid was given. Thereupon the Ferry committee were requested to say what they thought about withdrawing his name. They refused, and it was then voted to stand by him another day.

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, MICH., Feb. 14.—The first ballot for United States senator in the joint convention of the legislature to-day resulted as follows: Ferry, 45; Stout, 10; William Newton (dem.), 11; Theo. D. Hinchman (dem.), 17; rest scattering on 9 different candidates; necessary to a choice, 63. After the first ballot for senator the legislature took a recess until 3 p. m. Upon resuming five ballots were taken. On the first two no change was made in Ferry's vote, but on the fourth seven fusionists went over to him, running his vote up to 53. On the fifth ballot there was deepened interest, as one more from the senatorial vote was expected. Making Ferry's total 54—ten less than necessary to a choice. The sixth ballot was taken amid much excitement. The eight new recruits from the opposition ranks again recorded their votes for Ferry, but one of his staunch supporters who deserted him under similar circumstances on the last day's voting before the recent ten days' recess, again bolted. The joint convention then adjourned for the day. The last vote stood: Ferry, 53; Newton (democrat), 11; Hinchman, 17; Stout, 10; Willets, 11; Burrows (republican), 8; scattering, 14, on seven different candidates.

THE INVESTIGATION.

S. S. Bailey, ex-internal revenue collector of St. Louis, was examined by the legislative investigating committee this morning. He substantially admitted what the preceding witness had stated in reference to his offers of offices in connection with Senator Ferry's canvass, but said that he had no direct authority from the senator to do so. He knew from experience that it is not unbecoming an officer, after his election, to carry out promises made by his friends. He thought the man who did not know that the question of campaign had been committed this morning. He substantially admitted what the preceding witness had stated in reference to his offers of offices in connection with Senator Ferry's canvass, but said that he had no direct authority from the senator to do so. He knew from experience that it is not unbecoming an officer, after his election, to carry out promises made by his friends. He thought the man who did not know that the question of campaign had been committed this morning.

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MARSHALL JEWELL'S FUNERAL.

The Body Lying in State--Services at the Church--Many Distinguished Persons Present.

HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 14.—The city is in deep mourning to-day out of respect to the memory of the late Marshall Jewell. All public buildings and many private dwellings display flags at half mast, and emblems of mourning are visible on every hand. There is a general suspension of business and the legislature is under adjournment for the day. At 10:30 o'clock this morning there was a private service over the remains of the departed statesman at the elegant residence on Farmington avenue, attended by the family and intimate friends. Rev. Dr. E. P. Parker, of the South Congregational church, officiated. A quartette, under Prof. Huntington, furnished the musical portion of the service. At 11 o'clock the remains were escorted to the Asylum Hill Congregational church, by the first company of the Governor's foot guards, Maj. Kinney, commanding, where the remains lay in state, and were viewed by a large, unbroken column of citizens. The body was exposed at full length in a rich, broadcloth covered casket, with massive trimmings of plain silver. The pall bearers were ex-Gov. Bigelow, ex-Secretary Bristol, Hon. Francis Wayland, of New Haven; E. W. Hinckley, Hon. Oliver Hoyt (sen.), S. S. Merwin, Jr., of New Haven; ex-Gov. E. D. Hubbard, and Mayor M. G. Bulkeley, of Hartford.

The remains at the church are guarded by a detachment of the governor's guard. The funeral adjournment about the coffin and the date on which it rests, with the exception of a massive pillow, were palm leaves and calla lilies from the greenhouses of the deceased. There were many eminent men present at the obsequies, among whom were Postmaster General Howe, First and Second Assistant Postmasters General Hamilton and Elmer, Dr. McDonald, of the foreign letter office; Secretary of the navy, Chandler, ex-Secretary Bristol, and Senator Hawley. Others of the Connecticut delegation in congress were unable to be present, owing to imperative duties at the capital. Ex-Govs. English, Hubbard, and Bigelow, Gov. Waller, and other state officers; Hon. Oliver Hoyt, of Stamford; W. Birdsell, of New York, and W. Dodge, and Mr. C. C. son-in-law of the deceased, were also present.

EX-GOV. MORGAN DEAD.

How the Statesman Passed Away--Honors to His Memory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Ex-Gov. Edwin D. Morgan died at 8 o'clock this morning. At midnight last night it was apparent that the ex-governor was fast sinking, and his anxious friends were gathered about his bed. All during the early hours of the morning he lay peacefully and without suffering any visible pain. At 7 o'clock his condition took a sudden change for the worse, and he lost consciousness and remained in that state till he expired.

Flags on the public buildings are at half-mast to-day in honor to the memory of the late Gov. Morgan. At a meeting of the directors of the Western Union Telegraph company, held at the city hall, resolutions were passed. The directors will attend the funeral in a body.

Both houses of the legislature at Albany to-day passed resolutions eulogizing the late Gov. Morgan, and adjourned in respect to his memory.

The supreme court, on motion of William M. Evans, adjourned out of respect to the memory of ex-Gov. Morgan to-day, and the police commissioners at a meeting ordered all station flags to be suspended at half-mast.

Buffalo, New York, and Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—The board of directors of the Buffalo, New York, and Philadelphia Railway company met and organized this afternoon. A quarterly dividend of 14 per cent. was declared on the preferred stock, which aggregates \$6,000,000, of which about \$600,000 is in the treasury of the company. The various roads in the system will hereafter be known as follows: The river division, from New Castle, Pa., to Olean, N. Y.; Pittsburgh division, from Oil City to Buffalo, Titusville to Union City, and Mayville to Fairport, N. Y.; Buffalo division, from Buffalo to Emporium and Larabee, Pa., to Clermont; Rochester division, from Olean, N. Y., to Rochester, and from Nunda, N. Y., to Swains, N. Y., and narrow gauge division from Olean, N. Y., to Kintzville, Pa., and from Eldred, Pa., to Bradford.

A Prosperous Farmer Murdered.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from Poplar Bluff, Mo., says Jacob Vincent, a prosperous farmer, was found dead in the woods last Friday four miles from his home at Camp Bedford, Franklin county, Mo. The body was found by a hunter and been shot with his horse and then brained with the breech of a rifle. The theory is that Vincent was murdered for money, and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of James Vincent, a brother of the deceased, and a stepson, and a son-in-law.

A Gang of Outlaws.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Feb. 14.—Young Ballard, who robbed his sick and helpless father a few weeks ago, upon being arrested disclosed the fact that there was a large and well organized gang of robbers engaged in all kinds of lawless work in the northwest. The leader of the gang, Knowlton, has probably fled.

The Archbishop is Not Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The report of the death of Archbishop McCabe, printed in the Times this morning, was received from Rome. The Times retracted it as a true. Inquiries to-day show that the archbishop is slightly improved.

Cut His Wife's Head Off.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 14.—William Hughes killed his wife with a hatchet yesterday at Willow Grove, twelve miles from this city. Her head was almost decapitated. Both were arrested. Hughes was armed.

The Sultan's Officers Arrested.

HAMBURG, Feb. 14.—At the conclusion of their evidence before the court of inquiry concerning the Cimbria disaster, Capt. Cuttill and First Officer Bullard, of the steamer Sultan, were allowed to go free.

CABLE CATCHES.

Prince Disturb was able to ascend to his bed room yesterday.

It is stated that Herr von Bennigsen will enter the German cabinet.